



Overview of Samoa's SDG progress from VNR2 & Strategy for the Third VNR



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Background

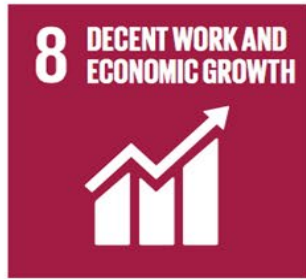


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- All UN Member States, including Samoa adopted the **2030 Agenda** on Sustainable Development in 2015
 - Shared global plan to ensure sustainable economic growth, peace and prosperity for people and planet

Voluntary National Reviews

- Countries assess and present their national progress on implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including its 17 SDGs (every 4 years)
- Each Member State, led by Head of State or Minister presents their VNR at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development at the UN in NY.
- Samoa was one of the first countries to present their first VNR in 2016

Sustainable Development Goals





Overview of VNR2

VNR 2 (2020)

- Built on progress from VNR1, which reported on the implementation of MDGs
- Focused on localization of SDGs to national context
- Theme for report based on long term vision of SDS: “Improved Quality of Life For All”
- Sector wide approach used for consultations
- Report responded to all 17 SDGs with a focus on the “People Goals”



Summary of VNR2 report

1) Progress

- Near universal access of population to basic services
- Near universal access to clean water and sanitation, and electricity
- Universal access to healthcare

1) Challenges

- lack of social protection systems
- unemployment and number of people below the basic needs poverty line
- Lack of consistent data sets
- Capacity to measure complicated indicators
- Increased vulnerability to external shocks, disasters and emerging threats, eg:

The Measles and Covid-19 pandemic



Samoa's Approach for VNR3

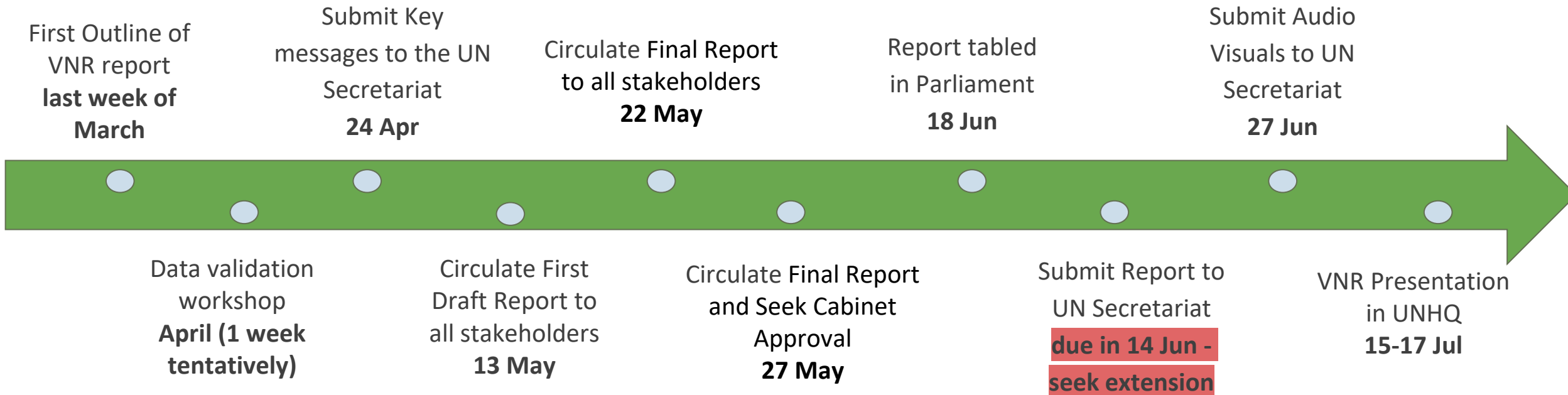
- Samoa will take a community led sustainable development approach
- Tell the “Samoa Story” - SDG progress from Samoa’s context
- Feature Samoa’s development strategy (PDS), reporting on the progress of key priority areas (kpa) and their linkages to relevant SDGs
- Highlight the strengths of Samoa traditions and customs in providing safety nets for Samoan people, together with the inclusion of case studies
- Progress and key milestones achieved since second report (incl challenges addressed)



Samoa's Approach for VNR3 cont'd

- The theme for this year's HLPF is ***“Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”***. The focus of the HLPF will be on the following SDGs;
 - ***SDG 1: No Poverty***
 - ***SDG 2: Zero Hunger***
 - ***SDG 13: Climate Action***
 - ***SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions***
 - ***SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals***
- In keeping up with the HLPF theme, Samoa will place more focus on the above SDGs when reporting on progress for each PDS key priority area.

VNR3 Timeline





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